

Social Studies Update

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Questions?

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2015 Best Practices in Social Studies Institute

The 2015 Best Practices in Social Studies Institute takes place June 29-30 at the State Historical Museum (600 E. Locust) in Des Moines. Registration is now underway. The Institute is entirely FREE to attend, but you must register and participants should plan on attending the entire two days if they plan to attend. Registration closes June 1st and there are only about 50 spots remaining. You can see an at-a-glance sched-

ule of events [here](#).

Sessions/speakers include:

- Iowa Supreme Court Chief Justice- Mark Cady
- Echoes and Reflections Holocaust workshop featuring Holocaust survivor David Wolnerman (see his story [here](#))
- Medal of Honor
- National History Day

- C3 Framework
- National Archives and Hoover Library
- How to Use DBQs
- How to Use SIOP with your ELL students
- And much more!

You can register for the Institute by going [here](#).

License renewal will be offered on the first day of the Institute.

Teaching and Learning Iowa History: Iowans and the Civil Rights Movement

Did you know that...

- A landmark court case in Muscatine desegregated public schools almost 100 years before Brown v. Board of Education?
- Iowa is home to the longest-running African American newspaper in the U.S.?
- Several Iowans participated in Mississippi's Freedom Summer?

Learn about these stories and MUCH more this summer in Iowa State University's new course, **Teaching and Learning Iowa History: Iowans and the Civil Rights Movement**.

Designed for the general public, teachers, and university students, the content of the course will be available online from **July 1-31**. Each online module contains a series of digitized primary sources, documentaries, articles, and podcasts along with discussion forums and short quizzes. **Anyone interested can access the course modules for free.** Teachers can pay a small fee for licensure renewal credit and students can take the course for undergraduate or graduate credit (more details coming soon). In addition to the online

modules, credit-seeking teachers and students will participate in a best practices workshop at Iowa State University on **July 15** and an archival tour on **July 22** at various satellite locations across the state.

For more information, please visit <http://education.iastate.edu/graduate-studies/social-cultural-education/talih.html> or contact instructor Dr. Katy Swalwell at swalwell@iastate.edu.

How Can Maps Help Us Learn about Iowa History?

Written by Erika Buckner, Des Moines Public Schools

How can maps help us learn about Iowa history? That's the question students in 7, 8 and 9 year olds at the Downton School were trying to answer. The question arose during Mrs. Allen's and Mrs. Buckner's Learning Group's study of rocks. Experts from the DNR came to share how rocks can help tell the history of the Earth. This led the experts into a presentation on landforms in which they brought elevation maps of Iowa. After processing through this information, a new investigation presented itself. Students realized these maps show the history of Iowa from thousands of years ago by understanding the landforms and elevations, so what else could maps tell?

With that, students

determined what they needed to know in order to answer the question. Before they could use a map to learn history, they had to learn how to read a map! The classes spent time learning the different parts of maps and their uses; and explored various types of maps and how to read them. After that ground work, the students were ready to start exploring Iowa Maps, drawing conclusions, brainstorming questions and researching. All of the students spent many hours gathering information from maps, websites and books.

When it was time to represent, the classes had a discussion on what way would be best. Deciding that every student recreating a map wasn't going to show all they have learned, with the help of their teachers, they explored electronic options. Students used a website to

create a glog or interactive poster. They were able to include several maps that summed up their learning as well as photographs and diagrams. Once completed, Mrs. Allen's and Mrs. Buckner's Learning Groups shared their learning and hard work with families and community members.

Throughout the project, students were very engaged in their learning. All of the students not only learned about their topic but were also discussing their learning with others at lunch, recess and any other time. Using maps was a visual way to help younger students discover, question and learn about history. From there they were able to find, with teacher guidance, and read texts or websites to gather information. This way proved to be engaging and help students build a basic understanding of Iowa history.



Social Studies News

Social Studies Education Facing 'Crisis' as Class Time is Slashed

The Washington Post recently featured an article about the 'crisis' social studies is facing in many part of the country. Check it out at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/answer-sheet/wp/2015/03/31/social-studies-education-facing-crisis-as-class-time-is-slashed-departments-closed/>

Social Studies Not 'Left Behind' in ESEA Bill

The US Senate Education committee just revealed the latest draft to reauthorize ESEA. Social studies is included in the draft language in the form of offering some competitive grants in the area of social studies. Stay tuned for more information.

Long Walk to Water

How can I conserve and protect the water in my world? This is the question a 6th grade teacher recently explored with her class. Check out her article in EdWeek about the project [here](#), the project website [here](#) and sign up to participate in the project next year [here](#).



Civil Rights Tour Offered Through Keeping History Alive Foundation

Interested in touring the South this summer with a participant in Freedom Summer? The tour takes place July 26-August 3 and includes price includes most expenses such as hotel, breakfast, and tour fees. Check it out [here](#). Contact pat@keepinghistoryalive.com for more information.

Living History Farms Teacher Appreciation Day

Living History Farms is hosting a teacher appreciation day on Friday, June 26th. That means that admission for teachers is FREE.



Iowa Student Advances to Final Round of National Geographic Bee

Iowa student Patrick Taylor, from Coralville, placed in the top ten finalists of the 2015 National Geographic Bee. See the full article at <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/2015/05/150513-national-geographic-bee-2015-geography/>

NAEP Scores Released in US History, Geography, and Civics

In 2014, NAEP measured the knowledge of the nation's eighth-graders in U.S. history, geography, and civics. Scores in US History, Geography, and Civics showed no significant changes since the test was given in 2010. A summary of the results can be viewed below:

- US History: 18% of US students are at or above proficient.
- Geography: 27% of US students are at or above proficient.
- Civics: 23% of US students are at or above proficient.

To view the full report, please visit

[The Nation's Report Card: 2014 U.S. History, Civics, and Geography Assessments at Grade 8.](#)

Social Studies Resources

We the Economy!

Teaching economic concepts can sometimes be tricky. We the economy has 20 short films dedicated to the teaching of various financial concepts. Check them out at <https://wetheeconomy.com/films/>.

Library of Congress C3 Webinars

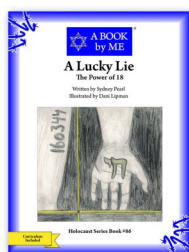
NCSS has partnered with the Library of Congress to offer several webinars around the C3 Framework. You can view the latest one on Analyzing Sources to Think Like a Historian [here](#).

FREE Deliberation in the Classroom DVD

The National Issues Forum Institute is providing a FREE informational DVD for any teachers interested in addressing public issues with their students. Go to http://www.ait.net/products/nifi_classroom/dvd/ to sign up for the free DVD.

Books on the Holocaust Coming to an AEA Near You

A Book by Me is a book series dedicated to telling the story of Holocaust survivors. What makes these books special is that they are written and illustrated by students. A Lucky Lie is one of the new books written about Iowa Holocaust survivor David Wolnerman. Check at your AEA library for access to this book.



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Veterans National Education Program

The Veterans National Education Program has a great resource called the Global Awareness Map. This resource includes information on each country's people, government, religion, US military presence, current issues, etc. as well as include video clips and other resources about selected countries. Check it out at <http://www.globalawarenessmap.org/>.

Social Studies Research and Practice Journal

The Spring 2015 edition of the Social Studies Research and Practice Journal has been released. This journal is free to view and you can enter your email address to get updates. This journal edition includes articles from articles about children's trade books, historical inquiry and the use of primary sources, etc. Check it out [here](#).

Professional Development Opportunities

Big History Project Coming to Des Moines This Summer

Interested in learning more about the Big History Project? They will be in Des Moines on July 31st. It is free to participate in the workshop, but there are only 50 slots per training cluster so the opportunity is on a first-come, first-serve basis. To sign up go [here](#).

Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation to Hold Summer Workshops

The IALF is holding various workshops this summer throughout the state. These include:

- Lewis (Cass County) - June 8 & 9, Ankeny (Polk County) - June 8 & 9, Nashua (Floyd County) - June 9 & 10, Newton & Marshalltown (Marshall County) - June 10 & 11, Ankeny (Polk County) - June 11 & 12, Ankeny (Polk County) - June 30 & July 1, Moville (Woodbury County) - July 13 & 14, Fairfield (Jefferson County) - July 28 & 29

License renewal credit will be available. They will address integrating agriculture into science, social studies, language arts, etc. All of the courses are slightly different. Want to sign up? Contact info@iowaagliteracy.org.

Geographic Alliance of Iowa Summer Workshops

Geography, Technology, and the Iowa Core, Part II

1 credit hour

June 10th-June 11th

Forest City, IA

Grade level: K-12

Who should enroll?: Any K-12 educator with an interest in teaching geography and integrating technology-related 21st Century Skills. This workshop is especially useful for those who teach any of the following: geography, history, and other social studies; STEM; TAG; Special Education (but all disciplines are welcome)

* This a Part II to the workshop that we have offered in various locations around the state over the past few years; you do NOT need to have completed the Part I to enroll in this new Part II

Iowa's Economic Connection to the World: Teaching AP Human Geography

1 credit hour

July 9th-10th

Eldridge, IA

Grade level: 7-12

Who should enroll? Any 7-12 geography or social science educator who teaches APHG or wishes to develop APHG courses.

Using Primary Sources to Teach Geography, Conflict, and Human Rights

1 credit hour

June 17th-June 18th

Iowa City, IA

Grade level: 7-12

Who should enroll: Grade 7-12 educators who teach social studies (especially geography and history) or English/Language Arts

Geography, Technology, and the Iowa Core, Part II

1 credit hour

July 15th-July 16th

Muscatine, IA

Grade level: K-12

Who should enroll?: Any K-12 educator with an interest in teaching geography and integrating technology-related 21st Century Skills. This workshop is especially useful for those who teach any of the following: geography, history, and other social studies; STEM; TAG; Special Education (but all disciplines are welcome)

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Globalization for Secondary Educators-- [On-Line Workshop]

1 credit hour

July 1st-July 22nd [specific on-line meeting on July 1, July 8, July 15 from 1PM to 3:30PM]

Location: on-line

Grade Level: 6-12

Who should enroll: Grade 6-12 educators who wish to teach about globalization.

Globalization for Secondary Educators

1 credit hour

July 13th-July 14th

Location: Cedar Falls, IA

Grade Level: 6-12

Who should enroll: Grade 6-12 educators who wish to teach about globalization. The workshop is especially useful for those who teach any of the following: geography, history, and other social studies; STEM; TAG (but all disciplines are welcome)

Interested in signing up for any of these workshops? Contact alex.oberle@uni.edu. Graduate credit will also be available at the reduced rate of \$75 per credit hour.



Teaching the Holocaust Today: Why and How

The Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education at the University of Iowa in cooperation with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is offering a one day workshop entitled "Teaching the Holocaust Today: Why and How. The workshop will take place June 15th from 9:00-5:45

at Grand View University in Des Moines. The workshop will discuss resources for teaching the Holocaust and participants will get the opportunity to hear from a Holocaust survivor as well as receive various materials for teaching the Holocaust. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Check out the flyer [here](#). Licensure credit will also be available. Contact Stephen.gaies@uni.edu to sign up or for more information.



Iowa Council for the Social Studies Conference

The Iowa Council for the Social Studies Conference is **October 6, 2015** at the FFA Center in Ankeny. This year's theme is Dimensions of Social Studies: The C3 Framework and Your Classroom. Sub themes include:

- Developing ques-

tions and planning inquires

- Applying disciplinary concepts and tools
- Evaluating sources and using evidence.
- Communicating conclusions and taking informed action
- Technology

ICSS is also accepting session proposals [here](#) through June 1st.

You can register [here](#). Want to nominate someone for an ICSS award? Go [here](#). Go [here](#) for more information or email ics-online@gmail.com if you have specific questions.

"I have never understood the Iowa caucus."
-Larry King

Caucus 101

Caucus 101 is an optional curriculum that will help students learn about Iowa's important role as the First-in-the-Nation Caucus State. We are working in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Education to prepare this special curriculum for classrooms during the upcoming school year. Teachers will be the authors of the Caucus 101 curriculum!

This summer, as teachers write the curriculum, we will post the material to a Facebook page and ask for your input and suggestions. We want you to play a role in developing and implementing Caucus 101. Will you join the Facebook page today? To join go [here](#). Eventually the curriculum will be housed on www.Caucus101.com and will serve as a resource center for you.

The Secretary of State's Office is also working with county Democrat and Republican parties around the state to institute a bipartisan, statewide Mock Caucus in November. This is another optional facet of the overall Caucus 101 curriculum.

Your input is important and I hope to be able to work with you to implement this exciting curriculum during the 2015-16 school year. You're welcome to contact my Caucus 101 coordinator, Jeff Tomkowitz at jeff.tomkowitz@sos.iowa.gov or call him at 515-725-0427.

Sincerely— Secretary of State Paul Pate

Professional Development Opportunities

Foundation for Teaching Economics

The Foundation for Teaching Economics is offering several summer professional development opportunities. Several of them offer stipends and travel reimbursements for attending. Go to <http://www.fte.org/teacher-programs/> to check them out.

Bridging Cultures Initiative Workshop

This workshop brings together secondary teachers who are interested in learning more about cultures around the world. The workshop takes place at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign July 13-18. There is no cost to participate and accommodations will be provided. Go to www.cgs.illinois.edu for more information.

Medal of Honor Legacy Graduate Teacher Seminar

This seminar features three Medal of Honor recipients as well as five says of scholarly lectures on WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Visits to historic sites as well as all materials will be provided. Teachers will receive a \$1,400 stipend to cover costs. Go [here](#) for more information.

Teaching Iowa History with Local Resources Workshop

The Iowa Museum Association is offering a workshop this summer entitled "Teaching Iowa History with Local Resources." As custodians of Iowa's history, museums wish to aid in educators' professional development and preparedness for teaching Iowa history in interactive and engaging ways that encourage community collaboration.

Through this workshop, educators will learn and understand Iowa's role in history during the time of Westward Expansion. Educators will learn about what local, authentic artifacts are available with which to illustrate their lessons and create a unit of study in object-based learning for his or her classroom that aligns with the Iowa Core English Language Arts Standards for His-

tory/ Social Studies.

The workshop takes place July 20-21 at the Boone County Historical Society. Only 15 spots are left for this workshop. This workshop is being offered through Heartland AEA and license renewal credit is available. Go to https://prodev.aeapdonline.org/4DCGI/SS004799991601INV&*> to sign up.

"Economics is everywhere, and understanding economics can help you make better decisions and lead to a happier life."

-Tyler Cowen

Primarily Teaching Workshop- National Archives

Each summer the National Archives hosts workshops throughout the country at their various Archives around the center. This summer they are offering:

- Atlanta (June 22-26)

- Chicago (June 22-26)
- Seattle (July 6-10)
- West Branch, IA (July 20-24)

A stipend is available upon successful completion of the workshop. For more information, or to apply, go

to <http://www.archives.gov/education/primarily-teaching/>. You can also see a specific example of the workshop being offered at the Hoover Library [here](#).

Iowa Jump\$tart Conference

Do you teach financial literacy or economics? If so, come to the Iowa Jump\$tart Conference on Thursday, July 16, 2015 at the FFA Enrichment Center at DMACC in Ankeny. The conference is free to attend. Registration information will be available soon. Check out the Iowa Jump\$tart website at www.iowajumpstart.org for more information.

Improving Historical Reading and Writing- FREE Course

This FREE six week course will provide playlists of video lectures, leveled readings and grade-level and subject-focused bulletin board discussions on improving historical writings. Activities will draw from the Common Core, C3 Framework and the Framework for 21st Century Skills. Check out the course and sign up [here](#).

Eisenhower Academy

The 18th annual Eisenhower Academy will be held July 26-31 at Gettysburg College and Eisenhower Historic Site in Gettysburg, PA. Topics will include discussion on the Cold War, civil rights, the 1950s, and the Eisenhower presidency. For more information go to www.nps.gov/eise.

Save the Date- Constitution Day 2015

Constitution Day is **September 17th**. This year the Iowa Department of Education is partnering with the Judicial Branch, Secretary of State's Office, and State Historical Museum to offer Constitution Day programming. One of the opportunities available again this year is to invite classes in to

view Iowa Supreme Court oral arguments. **If you are interested in bringing a class to hear an oral argument on September 16th or 17th, please let me know.** Check out the materials used last year below.

- [Iowa Courts YouTube Channel for Students and Teachers](#)

- Iowa Supreme Court Constitution Day case *State v. Hellstern* [opinion](#) and [video](#)
- Iowa Supreme Court Constitution Day case *State v. McIver* [opinion](#) and [video](#).

"The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself."
-Benjamin Franklin

Iowa Civil Rights Commission Hosts 50th Anniversary Celebration

The Iowa Civil Rights Commission is hosting a celebration in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Iowa Civil Rights Act. The celebration takes place at the State Historical Museum in Des Moines. The event will take place May

20th at 6:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public. Speakers include:

- Professor Arthur Bonfield, Drafter of the Iowa Civil Rights Act of 1965

- Roxanne Conlin, Civil Rights Activist
- Judge Romonda D. Belcher, Associate Judge 5th District